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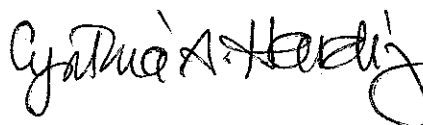
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July 31, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE
AN AMENDMENT TO A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CONTRACT AS A
RESULT OF A MERGER OF STEPPING STONES HOME AND SOCIAL MODEL
RECOVERY SYSTEMS, INC.**

This is to notify you that because of the recent merger of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) service provider Stepping Stones Home (SSH) with Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc. (SMRS), I am exercising delegated authority approved by your Board on July 1, 2008, that permits the Department of Public Health (DPH) to approve, via amendment, the assignment of agreements which result from acquisitions, mergers, or other changes in ownership involving the contractors/service providers, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), and notification to your Board.

Under the referenced delegated authority, DPH will execute an amendment that approves the merger, assigns the rights, and delegates the duties of SUD Contract Number PH-002271 that expires on June 30, 2014 from SSH to SMRS.

Through the execution of this action, DPH is recognizing and approving the merger of SSH with SMRS, and approving the assignment of all rights and responsibilities under this contract to SMRS, effective August 1, 2013. All other terms and conditions of this contract remain unchanged and in full effect.

The change to SMRS as service provider for this contract will not impact the provision and/or level of services.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the amendment as to form. County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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